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Flood Damage to Keystone Homes Set at \$20,000

The sun shines bright on Keystone's flooded acres now but to residents there whose dwellings were victims of the recent torrential rains and flood waters have counted up an estimated total damage of \$20,000 the skies were still dark.

This week they suffered another blow. S. C. Sault, secretary of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce who made the damage estimate, revealed he had received a letter from L. F. Cooley, county road commissioner, declining to replace the 223rd and Wilmington streets drainage culvert with a pile trestle.

Sault's estimate of storm damage at Keystone was based, he said, on an average loss per flooded dwelling of \$500 to \$600 but did not include damage to crops, tools or equipment, livestock or compensation for time lost from work.

The Keystone chamber secretary, who also is chairman of the harbor district chambers of commerce flood control committee, announced that the committee at 10 a. m. April 3, would hold a conference at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce with investors in the areas to develop flood relief measures.

New Refinery Near Completion

Commercial operation of the \$900,000 Keystone refinery of the Douglas Oil and Refining Co. at East Road and Figueroa, is expected to begin about May 14, according to a construction schedule.

When ready the plant will have a storage capacity of 1,500,000 barrels of oil and a still capacity, it is estimated, of more than 5,500,000 gallons of gasoline a month.

William P. Andrews, vice president and director of operations, said the refinery would test run about May 1. The firm has a contract with the Sunset Oil Co. to transport and store oil petroleum products.

At its Keystone location, the plant will have access to pipe lines from fields at Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs, Athens, Rosecrans, Wilmington and Torrance.

Plant construction was started in December, Donald W. Douglas, president of Douglas Aircraft, is head of the oil company.

Building Permits Total \$5,661

Building permits totalling \$5,661 were issued during the past week at the city engineer's office. They were taken out by: Charles Murray for re-roofing the Erwin hotel at 1210 El Prado, \$504, and re-roofing a court at 820 Sartori ave., \$254; James Livermore for a six-room frame and stucco house with garage attached at 1716 Watson st., \$3,600; Otto J. Batsch for two steel welded tanks at 2319 Arlington ave., \$103; Austin C. Smith for a six-room frame moved-in house on Emerald st., \$1,000, and H. R. Clark for a frame sun room building at 1548 Marcellina ave., \$200.

WANT PAINTING BID

Bids on cleaning and painting the interior of the 250,000-gallon storage reservoir and the 180-foot tower off Cedar ave. and Torrance blvd. were ordered by the city council Tuesday night.

Fireman Giving Scouts First Aid Lessons Weekly

Under direction of Fireman Gordon Northington, a qualified instructor, a Red Cross first aid class for Boy Scouts of Troop 219 began weekly sessions last night in the city hall courtroom.

When the 15-week course is completed, Northington intends to give the same instruction to another Scout troop until every unit in the city has had this opportunity to learn first aid work.

Those who qualify on completion of the course will receive first aid merit badges and Junior Red Cross certificates, Northington said. The class meets every Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.

Fourth Draft Group Now in Army Training



FOURTH CALL-OUT GROUP

Shown above are the 13 volunteers and one draftee who composed the fourth call-out contingent to enter Army training from this district. They left last Thursday morning. Pictured as they stood in front of the Civic Auditorium for the public farewell ceremony the Army enrollees are:

Front row, left to right: Gall Ezel Faught, Lomita; George Masso Yoshiki, a transfer from Petaluma and the only draftee of the group; Hitoshi Suminaga, Redondo Beach; Kazunobu Tamura, Gardena; Floyd Fay Ramsey, Torrance; Elza Glenn Smith, Torrance, and George Iwanaga, WALTERIA.

Rear row, left to right: Kazuo Sumida, Lomita; Harry Melvin Hawks, Lomita; Dale Ralph Howe, Torrance; Jack Albert Hall, Lomita; Dr. Robert James Campbell, Palos Verdes Estates; Walter Bowen McCartney, Lomita, and Currial Alden Javens, Torrance.

Day after the contingent left, Carl Marsteller, clerk of Selective Service Board No. 280, received notice that all 14 were accepted for Army training. The local board has sent 80 men to training camps since the first call-out on Nov. 22, 1940. The first volunteer to be inducted via the Selective Service Act from this district, Alan Aura Arlin, 22, of Gardena, is now fire chief at Camp Ord.

The local board has been instructed to provide one volunteer or selectee April 2 as a replacement for a man who failed to qualify after being sent with the third call-out Feb. 28. The fifth call-out will send 15 more into training from this area April 11. Clerk Marsteller announced this week.

A replacement for one selectee who left with the third draft contingent but was rejected by Army Authorities will leave April 2. He is Joseph Elliott Wolfenbarger, 23, unemployed, Rt. 1, Box 369-A, Torrance.

Last Rites Held This Afternoon for Irvin Rous

The long suffering of Irvin Carl Rous, 57, assistant works auditor at the Columbia Steel plant for more than 18 years, came to an end late Monday night, when he was found dead in the garage of his home, 1826 Engracia ave. He succumbed to carbon monoxide asphyxiation.

Mr. Rous suffered from a little-known nervous ailment called "le-douloureux" which subjected him to excruciating pain in his head and over his eyes at periodic intervals. Specialists had advised him that a delicate brain operation was his only hope for relief.

He had been under treatment at a Los Angeles hospital for the past two weeks and returned to work Monday, but was unable to continue his duties after about three hours. Monday evening he went for a walk, and when he did not return at a late hour, Mrs. Rous became alarmed. With the assistance of a neighbor, Willis M. Brooks, of 3328 Fortola ave. she went to look for him. Brooks found the body in the garage.

Active in Civic Life

He was born May 10, 1883, at Thornton, Indiana. On Dec. 26, 1923 he became assistant works auditor at the Columbia Steel Co. plant here. Prior to coming to Torrance, Rous was an auditor at Chicago, Ill., and Lubbock and Crosbyton, Texas. During World War I, he attended an officers' course at Camp Grant, Ill. (Continued on Page 6-A)

Noted Expert to Conduct Cooking School in Torrance

What's new in foods? Well, Miss Nancy Baker, the season's outstanding authority on culinary art, is coming to Torrance April 16, 17 and 18, under the sponsorship of The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News to present the latest styles in home cookery.

She will conduct the afternoon sessions of the Happy Kitchen Cooking School in the Torrance Civic Auditorium. Every woman in this district is cordially invited to attend and bring a friend. While creating her culinary concoctions, Miss Baker will demonstrate how easily and quickly a complete menu can be planned and executed; how entertaining can be done graciously with a minimum of effort and expense, and how economically the budget can be planned to fit everyone's needs.

Cooking School students will see the lowly vegetable transformed into such ambrosial delights; that even Junior will ask for a second helping, while the old headache "I don't know what to have for dinner tonight" will be a thing of the past, replaced by a series of menus demonstrated by Miss Baker from which anyone can make a selection of appetizing and economical dishes.

Frolic Up for Decision Here Tonite

All local organizations have been requested by Dean L. Sears, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Promotion and Advertising committee, to have representatives at a meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock when the future of the Torrance Factory Frolic will be discussed.

"We want to determine whether the Frolics during the past three years have been appreciated by our citizens and found worthy of the effort and expense involved and should be continued," Sears said today. "We also want to know that if organizations want the 1941 Frolic whether it could be arranged differently."

Council to Act On Shell Franchise April 1

Action on the request of the Shell Oil Co. for a 40-year franchise for routing a 12-inch pipe line (from Ventura to Dominguez) thru Torrance will be taken by the city council at an adjourned meeting next Tuesday afternoon, April 1, at 4:45 p. m. Three alternative routes have been outlined by the oil company for the line thru the city.

Business Group Adopts 5-Point Civic Program

Five out of six civic objectives drafted as a program for the organization by President Robert T. McCallum and the directors were ratified at a dinner-meeting of the Torrance Business Men's Association last night at the Woman's clubhouse. The session was attended by 63 persons, including six honor guests, the largest number to attend a business and professional group gathering here in several years.

Objectives endorsed by the membership of the association after their presentation and a period of discussion were: Recommendations for the municipal bus system, introduced by Michael Strasser, city editor of The Herald and vice-president of the association; committee study of the proposed Torrance-airport project in the south part of the city, outlined by Jack Miller; a program for highway improvements by George Moore, secretary-treasurer of the association; freight interchange by Alden W. Smith, and lower power rates by Howard Locke.

The one objective that met opposition and was referred back to the directorate for further consideration was a housing proposal designed for "orderly, standard building" and a recommendation that city building requirements be revised to conform with F.H.A. specifications.

The complete text of the entire program is publicized elsewhere in this issue. Honor guests at the dinner-meeting were Mayor Tom McGuire and Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Chamber of Commerce, who participated in the discussion, explaining and outlining municipal and chamber (Continued on Page 5-A)

Scouts Show Activities Friday and Saturday

CITY GETTING MONEY FROM COUNTY TO ACQUIRE P.E. STRIP ON CABRILLO AVE.

There should have been dancing in Cabrillo avenue Tuesday night with Postmaster Earl Conner as master-of-ceremonies and chief celebrant.

Maybe there will be such public festivities in the near future. Anyway, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was authorized by the council Tuesday night to pay the \$8,055 judgment awarded the Pacific Electric railway by Judge Roy B. Rhoades last Thursday afternoon for the center-strip right-of-way from Torrance blvd. to Plaza del Amo.

And, on motion by Councilman James Hitchcock, Bartlett was requested to write the Cabrillo Avenue Improvement Association, reporting this action. The Association has been revived at frequent intervals by Postmaster Conner during the past decade or so to urge improvement of that thoroughfare. The late Ed Thompson was the last president of the Association but Conner has been its chief supporter during its history.

From Gas Tax Fund "All you have to do now is to give the Pacific Electric a check for \$8,055 for the right-of-way and the property is yours," City Attorney McCall told the council this week. "Then you can start hauling out the tracks and wiring at a cost of \$2,250 more."

Hitchcock's motion that the city clerk be authorized to pay the judgment from the county's "add-to-cities gasoline tax fund" due Torrance was approved. The payment will be made, Clerk Bartlett said, just as soon as the city can get the money from the county.

After the last sign of P. E. occupancy of the right-of-way is removed, the city plans to pave the center strip, making Cabrillo ave. an 80-foot thoroughfare.

Steele Expects Amicable End of Labor Parley

Bound for what are expected to be amicable and final conferences over a new contract between United States Steel Corp. subsidiaries and officials of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee of the C.I.O., Carl Steele, president of S.W.O.C. local lodge No. 1414, left Monday afternoon for Pittsburgh, Pa.

"We don't expect any trouble or delay in work on national defense orders in any U. S. Steel subsidiary," he said. "However, we will stay in conference until all negotiations are completed for a new contract."

Steele will meet with district directors and presidents of S. W. O. C. locals at plants of U. S. Steel subsidiaries today. The conference is expected to adjourn over Saturday and during that time he will go to Washington, D. C., to visit with Rep. Lee E. Gaylor.

If necessary the labor leaders will stay in session next week until an agreement is reached with officials of the steel corporation. On his way home, Steele will visit his 72-year-old mother in Oklahoma City.

Programs Free to Everyone

Come out tomorrow night and all day Saturday and see the good work the Boy Scouts of this community are doing. This is the cordial invitation extended to Mr. and Mrs. Citizen of Torrance and their families.

Beginning with an impressive Court of Honor at the Torrance high school assembly hall Friday at 7:30 p. m. and continuing all day Saturday with field events in El Prado Park, the Boy Scouts have prepared a program of educational activities that everyone will enjoy. There will be no admissions charged or solicitations made and everyone is invited.

The Court of Honor program has been arranged by J. R. Winters, member of the district committee in charge of advancement. Others who will take part in the colorful program are: Mayor Tom F. McGuire, Judge Robert Lessing, J. W. Post, Dr. R. A. Bingham, Pete Zamperini, Ray Burdick, Dale Riley, Dudley Paul and O. B. Mathews, Scout executive of Los Angeles. The 30-piece high school band will play a number of their popular selections.

Scouts Honored

Scouts who will be advanced and given merit badges are: EAGLE SCOUTS — George Wallace Post and Phillip Hoffmann, Troop 219. LIFE SCOUTS — Ben Prime, Troop 217. STAR SCOUTS — Jim Prime, 217; Raymond W. Brady, Ralph H. Pegors, Marvin Kent and Richard Edward Honrath, 219; and Norman Ver Steeg, 203.

FIRST CLASS — Billy Rogers, 219. SECOND CLASS — Donnie Cook and Bobby Ocean, 219, and George Poh and Gilbert Armstrong, 218. MERIT BADGES — Jim and Ben Prime and Jack Jensen, 217; Bill Torrance and J. Burdick, 218; Wallace Post, Gordon Smith, J. A. Barrington, Phillip Hoffman, Charles Woodington, Wayland J. Harrison, Billy Rogers, Raymond W. Brady, Ralph Pegors, Marvin Kent and Richard Honrath, 219; Norman Ver Steeg, Calvin Nelson and Arthur Hueg, 253.

Field Day Saturday

Saturday will be Field Day and the entire program will be staged in El Prado Park so that all may conveniently attend.

"It is hoped that fathers and mothers of young boys of Scout age, particularly, will attend this program, but if they find it impossible to do so, that they will encourage their children to come, as the Scouting work to be demonstrated will be most helpful to them," stated Ray Bogue, district chairman in charge of camping activities. He will be assisted by Ray Burdick, district commissioner, and Monte Barr, chairman in charge of the field day activities.

"The first aid work to be put on by the Scouts under the training of their Scout masters and the Fire department is something that every child should see. Details of the various phases of first-aid work will be explained in such a manner that everyone will benefit," Barr commented.

The Saturday program follows: 10 to 10:15 a. m.—Opening ceremony and flag raising in front of city hall. 10:20 to 12 noon—Place signaling with crews atop the Bank of America, city hall, and library buildings. This will demonstrate the use of flag signals. 12 noon—First aid demonstrations at two locations, (1) in triangle park in front of Torrance. There are (2) in El Prado Park.

1 to 1:30 p. m.—Knot tying. 1:30 to 2 p. m.—Shoe races. 2:15 to 2:45 p. m.—Fire making by flint and steel, and friction. 3 to 3:30 p. m.—String burning. 3:40 to 4 p. m.—Axe throwing. 4 to 5 p. m.—Tug of war. The entire afternoon program will be held at El Prado park.

WOOLDRIDGE LEAVES STAFF OF NEWSPAPER

W. B. Wooldrige resigned his position as circulation manager of the Torrance Herald and Lomita News, effective last Monday, it was announced by Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the two papers.

Legion Resumes Drive Here for "Lung" Funds

The equipment having received the endorsement of the South Bay Physicians and Surgeons Association, the Torrance American Legion post has resumed its campaign to raise \$540 for the purchase of a portable aluminum lung for public use here.

"I presented the whole idea to the Association and after investigation the members found the portable 'lung' to be worthy of purchase," Commander Ed Bird said this week. He reported that about \$320 has been subscribed to the fund, needing only \$220 more in order to acquire the equipment.

Bird is receiving contributions at his office, 1927 Carson st. He plans to put the equipment on display in local store windows next week. The 'lung' will be available for immediate use without cost to persons who may be stricken by infantile paralysis, heart attacks or victims of electrocutions or other mishaps.

Flooded Blvd. Closed Now to Heavy Traffic

Heavy traffic over Hawthorne has been stopped in the vicinity of Lomita blvd. and extending south until Glenn Jain, acting city engineer, is assured that there is no danger of the subgrade being undermined by flood waters that now cover that section. Passenger cars are being permitted to negotiate the stretch.

Action to thus partially close the boulevard was taken by the city council Tuesday night when Jain reported that state highway engineers declared there was danger of the pavement being wrecked by the loosened subgrade. The pavement will not stand up under heavy traffic, they told him, but the damage will not be apparent until some time later.

The council received a request for \$400 from Charles H. Quandt to help defray the cost, estimated at \$1,800, of pumping out the flooded area. This was believed excessive, inasmuch as Robert Ueda, who owns or leases considerable property in the area, had received an estimate from a private pumping company that totaled about \$985. No action was taken on the Quandt request.

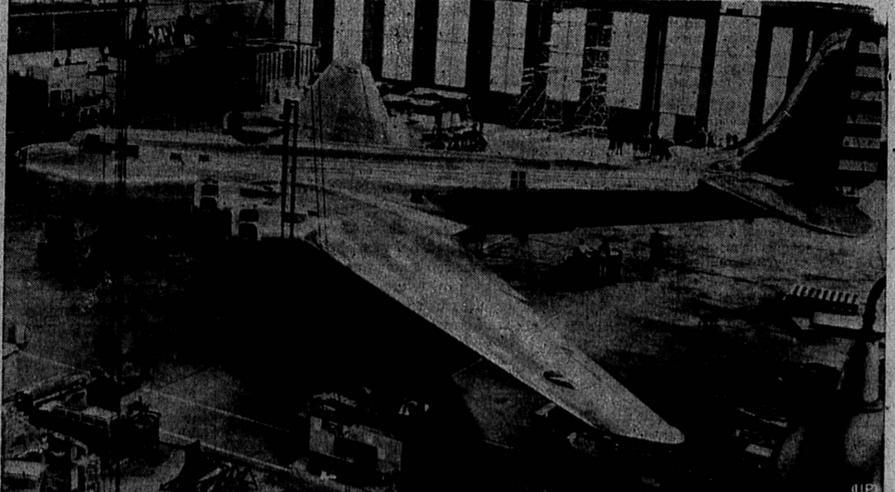
Aircraft Firm Seeks Site Here

Another aircraft firm applied to the Chamber of Commerce this week for information regarding possible buildings and sites for establishment of a factory in Torrance. Secretary L. J. Gilmeister reported. The firm is the Mullen Aero Products Inc. of South Gate, a new enterprise which is now selling an initial stock issue of 50,000 shares.

Headed by Barry O. Mullen, who has been identified with the aviation industry for the past 14 years and a licensed pilot for five years, the firm intends to manufacture specialized accessories and aircraft sheet metal parts. Its prospectus states that it will participate in subcontract work awarded by major aircraft manufacturers and its ultimate objective is to establish a complete factory for production of an all-metal plane of its own design.

Gilmeister said the firm wants 10 acres. He said he would forward all available information at once.

World's Largest Airplane Can Carry Bombs Over 7700 Miles



A few hundred planes like this one would, in opinion of some experts, enable U. S. to pulverize almost any military objective within its cruising radius of 7700 miles. Hence this Douglas B-19 bomber, world's largest airplane, is important in hemisphere defense plans. B-19 is shown in final assembly station at Santa Monica, Cal., awaiting last touches before test flights. The 82-ton monster carries 18 tons of bombs. Wing spread is 218 feet, plane's length is 132 feet. Its four engines develop total of 3000 horsepower.

MARCH OF RIMES

PUTTS By H. F. NOAKE

It's this way Judge, the gal and me was dancin' at O'Toole's Paroo when some palooka starts to flirt, so I just sinks the little squirt. 'And Judge, was I surprised next day to find the guy I'd put away was Pewee Putts, the banker's kid, it's sure too bad, but did it did.' The Judge then pondered, quite a while, and finally began to smile, for in his mind's eye he could see a humorous analogy. 'While I'm convinced you broke the law, I'm going to call this thing a draw; but let me say, I think you're nuts, out late at night,—a sinking putts.'



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